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1. US DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELE-
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BRATION OF ALLIED VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II WILL BE HEADED

BY FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN A. BLATNIK. THE OTHER MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE MAJOR GENERAL CLAY T. BUCKINGHAM, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS, US ARMY EUROPE AND SEVENTH ARMY.

2. CONGRESSMAN BLATNIK REPRESENTED MINNESOTA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT FROM 1946 THROUGH 1974. HE DID NOT RPT NOT STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE 94TH CONGRESS. DURING WORLD WAR II HE SERVED THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS IN ARMY AIR CORPS INTELLIGENCE AND OSS, SPENDING 18 MONTHS ON OVERSEAS DUTY IN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER AND THE AIR MEDAL FOR HIS OVERSEAS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II. ON DECEMBER 5, 1974, SHORTLY BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS, THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT DECORATED BLATNIK WITH THE "YUGOSLAV FLAG OF THE FIRST ORDER WITH RIBBON." AN ARTICLE CONTAINING A BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF BLATNIK WAS SENT TO BELGRADE VIA USINFO DATED DECEMBER 5, 1974.

3. MAJOR GENERAL BUCKINGHAM WAS BORN JUNE 8, 1927 IN VERO BEACH, FLORIDA. HE HAS HELD HIS PRESENT POSITION SINCE JULY 1974. FOLLOWING IS A RESUME OF HIS SERVICE CAREER:

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES - UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY - BS DEGREE - MILITARY SCIENCE;

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED - UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, THE GROUND GENERAL SCHOOL BASIC COURSE, THE ARMORED SCHOOL BASIC AND ADVANCED COURSES, UNITED STATES ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE, INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES (NON-RESIDENT COURSE), AIR WAR COLLEGE (NON-RESIDENT COURSE) US ARMY WAR COLLEGE;

MAJOR PERMANENT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS - DEPUTY CHIEF, LATER CHIEF, FORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANS DIVISION, MANPOWER AND FORCES DIRECTORATE, OFFICE, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR FORCE DEVELOPMENT UNITED STATES ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C. - JULY 1970 TO MAY 1971; DEPUTY DIRECTOR (FORCES), MANPOWER AND FORCES DIRECTORATE, OFFICE ASSISTANT CHIEF UNCLASSIFIED

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OF STAFF FOR FORCE DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C. - JUNE 1971 TO DECEMBER 1971; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, OFFICE, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C. - DECEMBER 1971 TO DECEMBER 1972; ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER, FIRST ARMORED DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY, EUROPE - JANUARY 1973 TO JUNE 1974

4. IN ORDER TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION
TO AND FROM YUGOSLAVIA, DEPARTMENT AND CINCUSAREUR NEED
DETAILED PROGRAM FOR THE CELEBRATION AS SOON AS GOY
MAKES IT AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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